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## BOOTBLACKS

THANKS to determined action by the Police, the impa who bestow gratuitous blobs of white paint on to the shining black shoes of American sailors seem to have disappeared at least from Queen's Road Central where between the Queen's Theatre and the National City Bank they had recently attained pest proportions. While the authorities are to be commended for their action, it is to be hoped that the present campaign does not languish in a few weeks' time when complaints die down.

True, the Police have more important work than suppressing petty extortionists, brandishing — could there be a more harmless weapon? — a paintbrush and their own remedy, a tin of boot polish, a rag and a brush. The Colony is conscious of the malignant evils that abound and priorities must be accorded to these. But could not the constable on beat duty play a bigger part in curbing the excesses of Hongkong's zealous boot-blackers?

## BREADWINNERS

THAT one lad should have been caned and a few days later, sent to a Remand Home is evidence of the authorities' determination to end this racket, but how ever obstreperous some of these children are they are all breadwinners helping to support poor families. No one condones these pranks — though most children free of parental authority are capable of them — but the point to be made is that unless they are subject, if not to constant supervision then regular control they are liable to get out of hand and severe punishment will be necessary to impress upon them the extent of their naughtiness.

It is not suggested that regular anti-bootblack patrols be instituted, or that a welfare officer be assigned to the impossible task of supervising them, but bent policeman ought to be given standing orders to take prompt action against offenders in the streets. On a few occasions Policemen have been seen doing nothing when some action was clearly demanded, such as confiscation of shoeshine boxes.

## BENEFITS

MUCH has been said about the annoyance that beggars and bootblackers cause to tourists. This is not doubted, but in a territory like Hongkong where poverty abounds it will be difficult to eradicate all who prey upon obviously wealthy visitors in the hope of benefiting from their reputed munificence. It is part of the problem of living in a community where extremes exist and if those who are charged with the task of publishing Hongkong abroad are wise they will point out this fact to the prospective visitor.

There is much the Police can do to rid the city of spivacy and public nuisances, but the larger problem of redressing inequalities in society they are neither qualified nor charged to accomplish. People who come to Hongkong seldom see behind the facade of opulence and beauty that have rightly endowed this Colony with much interest to tourists. Perhaps before they complain about our shortcomings they ought to.

# ANOTHER SQUATTER FIRE

## 2,000 Homeless In Early Morning Blaze

NEARLY 2,000 people were rendered homeless by a fire that broke out shortly before 3 a.m. today and destroyed about 100 huts in a squatter area in Tonkin Street, Cheung Sha Wan.

It was believed that nine persons were injured and one was missing.

The fire spread quickly in this wooden hut area among which were situated several timberyards.

Within minutes, the fire turned the area into an inferno.

The blaze was brought under control in about an hour and finally extinguished at 5 a.m.

The Fire Brigade despatched eight appliances and one ambulance to the scene under the command of Mr. W. H. Shipway, Divisional Officer, Kowloon Fire Station.

A fire-float was later brought in.

### SOCIAL WELFARE

A total of eleven jets from four fire pumps were used to prevent the fire from spreading to the major portion of the new factories in the neighbourhood.

The cause of the fire is being investigated.

The Government Social Welfare Office started to register the homeless at 5.45 a.m.

Up to 11.30 a.m. 1,800 people were registered. They were supplied with a hot meal outside the Nam Lo Hotel, Un Chau Street. Further free meals will be issued for the next few days.

## English Venuses

London, July 31.

The figure of the average English woman is similar to that of the Venus de Milo, the British Board of Trade decided today after a six-year investigation of figures (both human and statistical) for the use of the British clothing industry.

The average English woman of just over 30 years of age has the following measurements: Chest 37 inches, waist 28 inches, hips 39 inches, height five feet three inches.

The famous Venus de Milo has very nearly the same measurements, varying only a fraction of an inch.

Venus — the Greek one — is a little taller, and the least bit slimmer in waist and hips. — France-Press.

## 11 Killed By Fireworks

Calcutta, July 31. Eleven people were killed and at least 50 others injured today when fireworks which were being unloaded from a train some 130 miles from Calcutta exploded.

The bodies of the porters killed in the blast were slung several hundred yards. — France-Press.

## Woman Stops MacArthur's Assault

New York, July 31. CEN. Douglas MacArthur, whose island-hopping advances could not be stopped by the Japanese forces in World War II, halted yesterday in the face of a counter attack by a lady stockholder. MacArthur, as a chairman of the board of the Sperry Rand Corp. was bombarding "almost

unlimited government" at a stockholders meeting. He attacked the present federal tax structure as "even now probably adequate eventually to socialize the United States" when the counter-attack came. As the General completed the 15th page of his 16-page speech, Mrs. Victoria Davis leaped to her feet.

## ST PAUL'S EPISTLE IDENTIFIED

Jerusalem, July 31.

St Paul's epistle to the Hebrews was addressed to the Essenes, a Jewish sect who wrote the Dead Sea scrolls, Dr. Edygeel Yadin, Israel's famed soldier-archaeologist said today.

He told the Second World Congress of Jewish Studies, meeting here that the epistles were written in the first part of the second century.

Yadin said that by that time the Essenes had become Christians but had not accepted the doctrines of St Paul. He said the epistle urged them to accept "official" Christianity rather than retain mainly Jewish teachings.

### WICKED PRIEST

Sorbonne Professor A. Dupont Sommer told the Congress last night that he has identified the "Wicked Priest" mentioned in the Dead Sea scrolls as the Palestinian King Hyrcanus II. He said information found in the commentary on Habbakuk, the commentary on Nahum and the statement on Levi in the scrolls proved it was Hyrcanus who murdered the teacher of righteousness, the founder and leader of the Dead Sea Sect. — United Press.

## UNBLEMISHED RECORD DESTROYED

When the Carthage left Hongkong at noon today she carried with her a man who would lose his job as well as his pension when the ship arrived at its destination.

William Henry Ward, a man with 20 years' unblemished service with the P & O Co., appeared in court this morning — just one hour before the ship sailed and pleaded guilty before Mr. Hui-shing I. to theft.

DSI E. R. Mow, of the court that on July 29 as he was checking the Hang Chong Marine store, at Causeway Bay he discovered five coils of steel cables, 3 coils of rope and 10 drums of Marine white paint valued at HK \$8,000 later identified as the stolen goods from the Carthage.

Defendant was said to have sold some of the goods to two men, who later delivered the goods to the Hang Chong Marine store.

Mr. E. Nordeman Lewis, Chief Officer of the Carthage told the Magistrate that defendant has been most reliable up to this time.

He had never done anything like this before during his 20 years with the company. He would lose both his job and pension when he arrived in the United Kingdom. The magistrate said that in view of what Mr. Lewis had said of the defendant's character he would temper justice with mercy in sentencing defendant and bind him over in \$1,500 for one year.

## Western Accord On Disarmament Plan

London, July 31.

THE four Western Powers represented at the London disarmament talks have reached an agreement in principle on a plan for aerial and ground inspection which will be submitted to the United Nations Disarmament Subcommittee, an authoritative source stated today.

The plan was agreed upon after talks between the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, French delegate, M. Jules Moch, and Canadian delegate, Mr. David Johnson, the source said.

The plan would be submitted to the Disarmament Subcommittee as an official document in the next few days, the source said. The source said the Western plan must now be presented for approval to the interested European governments, and that details remained to be worked out.

The countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization have already approved a plan for the creation of two air and ground inspection zones in Europe. However, the final draft of the Western plan must take into account the last minute observations of the European countries, the source said.

The question of ground control, which would be the corollary of aerial inspection, raised numerous technical problems, the source said. — France-Press.

## NO REPRIEVE FOR LONDON THEATRE

London, July 31.

The Housing Minister, Mr. Henry Brook, today turned down appeals for a reprieve for the St James' Theatre despite an assurance from Vivian Leigh that two "American millionaires" were prepared to put up the money to save it from extinction.

The famous old theatre, just off Piccadilly in London's exclusive St James' district, closed down for good last week despite attempts by Miss Leigh, her husband, Sir Laurence Olivier, and other theatrical personalities to save it.

Miss Leigh called on Mr. Brook this morning to tell him that she had been told that two American millionaires — Mr. Huntington Hartford and a "Mr. Carr" — were willing to buy off the new owners of the theatre and put up the cash to enable it to continue.

The House of Lords last night voted to keep the theatre, which has been open since 1820, in operation. — United Press.

## ENVOY DESIGNATE TO CEYLON IS LEARNING

Washington, July 31.

UNITED States Ambassador designate to Ceylon Maxwell Gluck told United Press today "I am working 10 hours a day learning about Ceylon at the State Department and my wife is working the same number of hours at the Foreign Service Institute."

He said he was greatly encouraged by President Eisenhower's remarks about him at his press conference today and he felt confident he would vindicate Eisenhower's views that he had the capacity and ability to learn his job competently and well.

He said not only does he spend 10 hours a day at the State Department learning about the policies of the Ceylonese Government, the political parties and Ceylon's foreign affairs attitude, but he reads books about Ceylon at night.

He stressed that he appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate before he went to the State Department and when he arrived here fresh from his career job as a business executive.

### Great Pains

He said, "I was as nervous as a cat when I appeared before the committee as I am not used to appearing before Congressmen and I certainly did not know what questions they were going to ask me."

Now he told United Press, "I could give a good account of myself before the committee because I have been trying to learn in the course of nearly four weeks in the department what it has taken other people years to learn."

He said he was also taking great pains to get the correct pronunciation of the names of leading Ceylonese statesmen and he felt sure he could now pronounce Prime Minister Solomon Bandaranaike's name correctly and "of course, I am very familiar with the name now because we talk about him every day in the department."

According to Gluck, his troubles began when he "tried to get originally into a government position where I could do some good at it — any government work where I could do a good job."

## JAPANESE PROMISED FREE HAND BY NAZIS

Washington, July 31.

Nazi Germany in 1940 promised Japan a free hand in the Far East if the Tokyo government in turn agreed to attack Hawaii and the Philippines in case the United States declared war on the Third Reich.

This was revealed in captured German documents published today by the State Department. They are part of a continuing series of German documents put out by the Department's historical section.

According to these documents, General Eugen Ott, German Ambassador in Tokyo, told Japanese officials in June 1940 of German agreements to Japanese expansion plans in Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies.

In a cable dated June 24, 1940, Ott also reported on Japanese plans to have Germany act as mediator in the war with China and on the chances for the emergence of a "Pacific bloc" composed of Japan, Russia and Chiang Kai-shek's China. — United Press.

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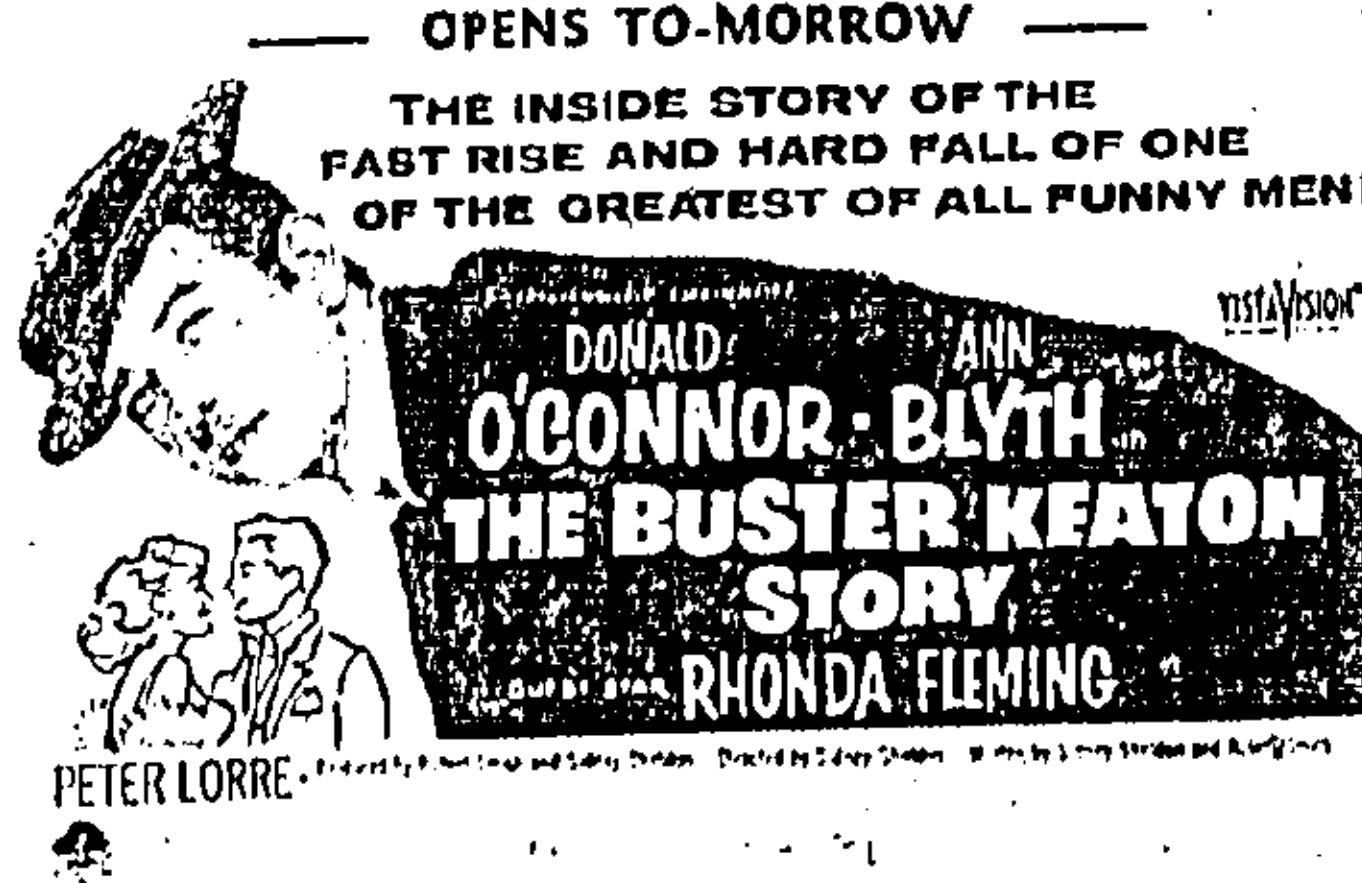
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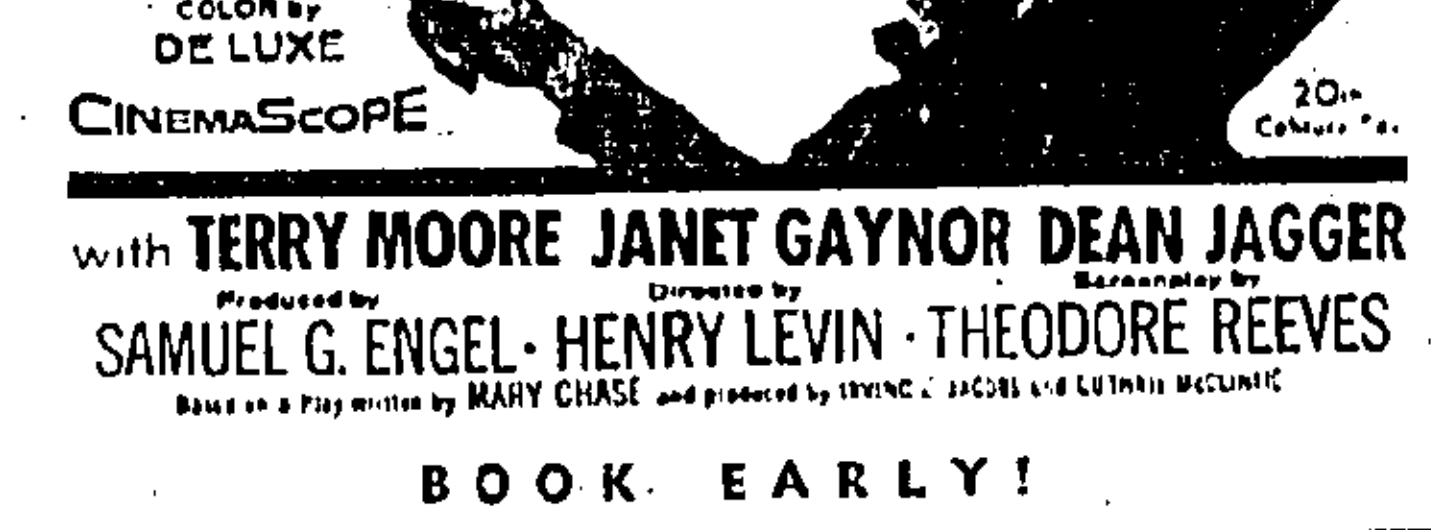


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# OMANI REBELS CRACKING

## Land Attack On Imam's Forces Imminent

By JOE MORRIS

### MACMILLAN, DULLES TALK OVER MIDDLE EAST

London, July 31.  
Secretary of State  
John Foster Dulles met  
with British Prime Minister  
Harold Macmillan tonight  
to talk over the new  
rumblings in the Middle East.

The Omani Barut, Cyprus  
and Algeria were expected to  
figure in a top level working  
dinner at Number 10 Downing  
Street attended only by the two  
statesmen, plus British Foreign  
Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and US  
Ambassador John Hay Whitney.

### OPEN SKIES

The 1915 GMT dinner  
appointment followed a further  
80-minute four-power meeting  
at which Dulles and delegates  
from Britain, Canada and  
France made swift progress  
toward final Western agreement  
on an open skies package plan.  
—United Press.

Muscat, July 31.  
A land attack on the Omani rebels is im-  
minent and the 200-strong rebel forces are already  
showing signs of cracking, the Sultan's Foreign  
Minister said tonight.

The Foreign Minister, a Briton from Lyme  
Regis named Neil Innes, said pro-Sultan tribes  
and British-officered levies were marshalling  
around the 25-by-15-mile mountain area held by  
the Imam (religious leader) of Oman's rebel  
forces.

Mr Innes said the rebels  
already had lost control of Izki,  
key town in the rebel-held area.  
He said a message had been re-  
ceived from the Wali (Sultan's  
Governor) of Izki, pledging  
allegiance to the Sultan.

### Sultan's Flag

The fort of Izki was a main  
target of Royal Air Force Venom  
jet rocket attacks in recent days.

After a recent raid the fort  
hoisted the Sultan's flag.  
Previously the rebels blocked  
the only road leading from the  
coast to the interior at Izki.

Mr Innes said ultimatum  
had been sent to the rebel  
Imam Ghaleb and his brother  
Tahib. Tahib has been described  
as the real instigator of the  
revolt against the Sultan.

Mr Innes said it was unlikely  
that the Imam and his brother  
would be treated leniently by  
the Sultan again.

### No Doubt

He said there "can't be much  
doubt" that the present revolt  
was inspired by Saudi-Arabia  
and backed by Egypt.  
But he expressed the opinion  
that King Saud "has probably  
lost interest and only some of  
his stooges are conspiring with  
the rebels."

The clean-up should prove  
to be pretty rapid, said Mr  
Innes. Sayed Tarik bin Talmur,  
brother and right-hand man of  
the Sultan, told the United Press  
the ground action would take  
place "probably within a week".  
"The Imam will not get away  
with it this time," said the  
Sultan's brother.

### US Rifles

Tarik said there was strong  
evidence to show that American  
Garand rifles were in the hands  
of the rebels and expressed the  
opinion that these could only  
have come from the Saudi-  
Arabians, who are now trained  
and equipped by Americans.

"The rebels have been firing  
semi-automatic weapons in  
clips of eight bullets and the  
noise is deafening," said the  
Sultan's brother. "This would  
seem to point only to the  
Garand rifle."

Tarik, a tall, bearded Arab  
with white turban and flowing  
black robes, spoke in good  
English. He said the rebels had  
been equipped with counterfeit  
100-rupee notes which presum-  
ably came from the same source  
as the arms.

Mr Innes denounced any  
movement to separate Oman  
from Muscat.

"Historically they have always  
been considered a single people  
and by and large with the  
same religious beliefs," he said.  
He described past rebellions  
as "tribal feuds rather like  
those of the Scottish High-  
landers".—United Press.

### HONGKONG SCOUTS AT JAMBOREE

Sutton Park, July 31.  
Boy scouts from Hong-  
kong, here for the Jamboree  
to mark the Golden Jubilee  
of the Boy Scout Movement,  
today began to settle in to  
their quarters in the vast  
park where scouts from all  
over the world have  
gathered.

The Hongkong boys arrived  
last night from London, and to-  
day they erected a gateway over  
their section made of bamboo  
fence specially from their home.  
The Jamboree, which also  
marks the centenary of the  
birth of its founder Lord Baden  
Powell, opens tomorrow.

### THE LEADER

Mr Law Kwan-fock, the  
leader of the Hongkong col-  
ligent and a District Commis-  
sioner of Scouts, busy making  
tea for his scouts, declared:  
"This is our first trip to En-  
gland so no only are we greatly  
impressed with the Jamboree  
site, but we are also filled with  
admiration for the British people  
we have met during our three  
days in the United Kingdom."

The scouts, who arrived at  
London Airport last Sunday,  
have been staying with families  
in Staines, Feltham, and Ash-  
ford, near London. They  
travelled up the Jamboree by  
train last night.—Reuter.

### MODERN CHURCH MUSIC BUT NO ROCK

Singapore, July 31.  
CLERGYMEN here sup-  
port the idea of modern  
church music but disagreed  
that the rock 'n' roll theme  
is good for religious music.  
They were commenting on a  
report from London that a new  
jazz recording of the Lord's  
Prayer with an almost rock 'n'  
roll effect was on sale in  
England.

### INTERPRETATIONS

Reverend H. B. M. Amstutz  
of the Methodist Church said he  
had heard several interpretations  
of the Lord's Prayer which he  
found "deeply moving". He said,  
however, although church music  
could be changed to suit the  
times, it should still be "stately  
and reverent".  
He said the report from  
London could be an error  
although it was obvious that a  
modern setting of the Prayer  
would be slightly surprising  
when compared to the ancient  
setting used for centuries in  
churches.

A spokesman of the Seventh  
Day Adventist Church said that  
church music was meant to  
suit the occasion of prayer and  
thought. He said people should  
pay more attention to the words  
of hymns and prayers than to  
the rhythm.—United Press.

### 'MIDGET' TV FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, July 31.  
The Japan Broadcasting  
Company has come up with  
the novel idea of establish-  
ing "Midget" TV stations  
all over the nation to help  
overcome transmitting diffi-  
culties.

Japan is presently planning to  
establish "Midget" TV stations  
all over the nation which will  
relay television waves to the  
mountainous districts where  
direct television is hampered by  
geographical conditions, it was  
learned today.

### BOOSTER WAVES

The stations will not use  
microwaves, such as are, or-  
dinarily, used by large city TV  
stations, but will be used only  
to booster waves received from  
the transmitting station of the  
city telecast.

There are two kinds of  
stations now being scheduled for  
construction: one type will be  
used to re-channel the broadcast  
receiving (satellite stations) and  
the other will be the type that  
will relay the microwaves  
(booster stations).

According to the announce-  
ment today these "midget"  
stations will become a reality  
within the next year.—United  
Press.

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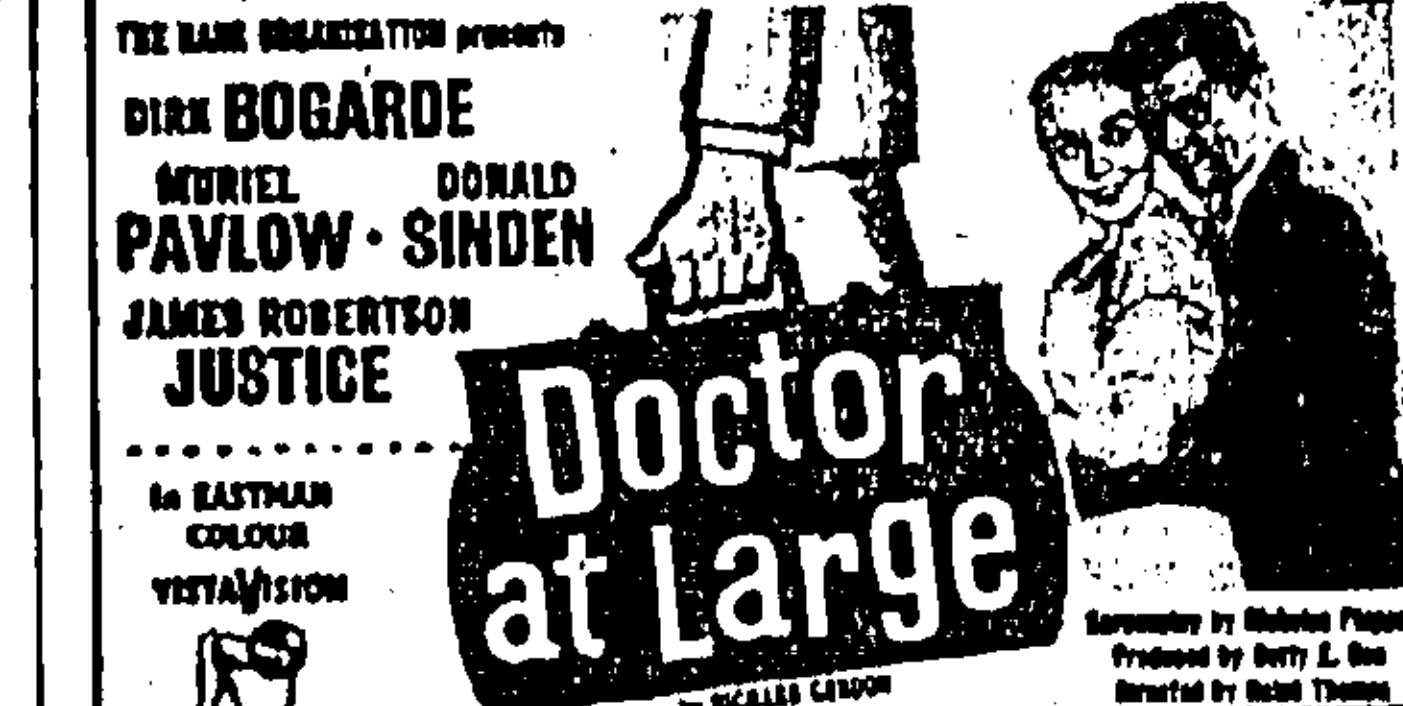


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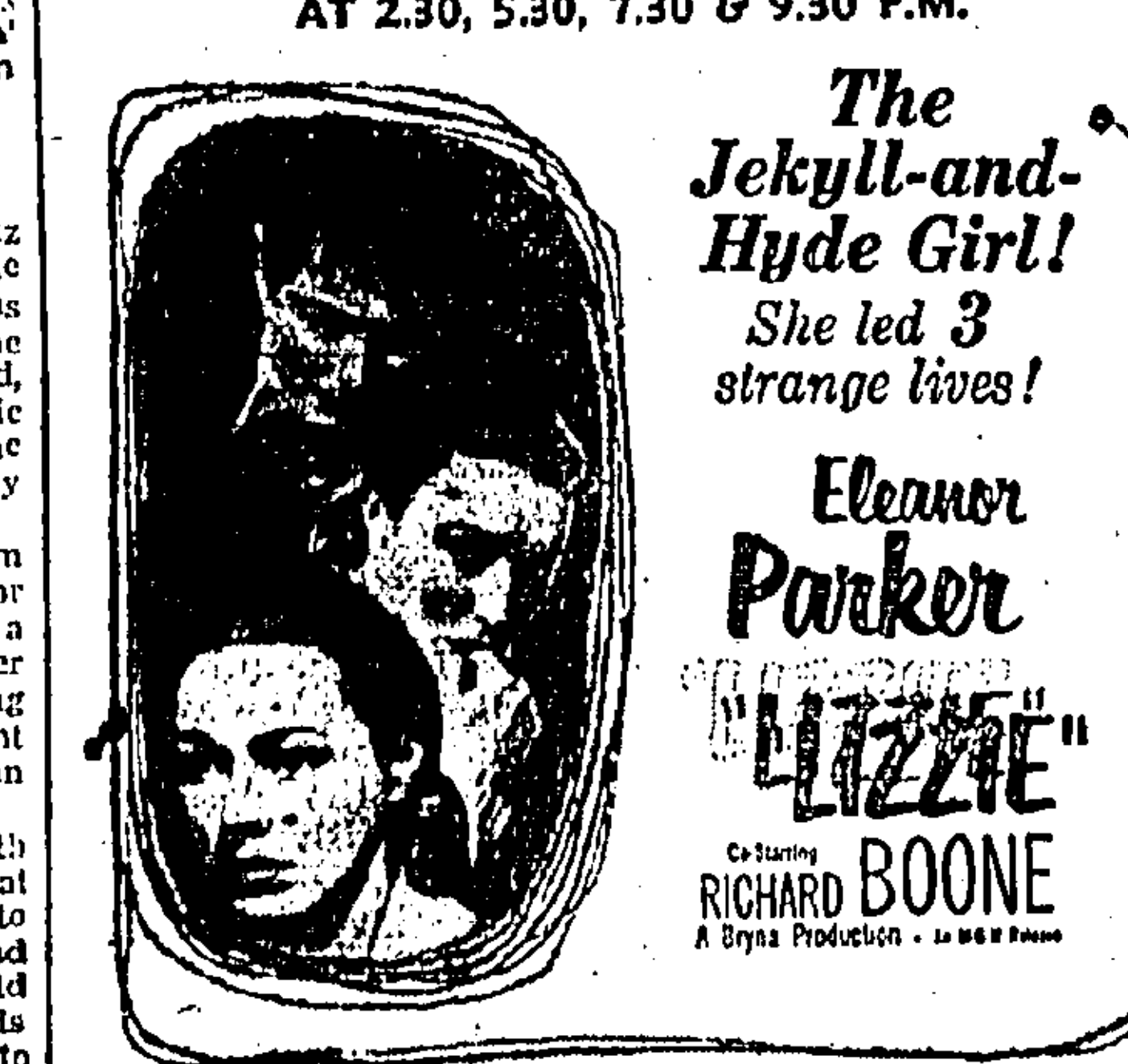
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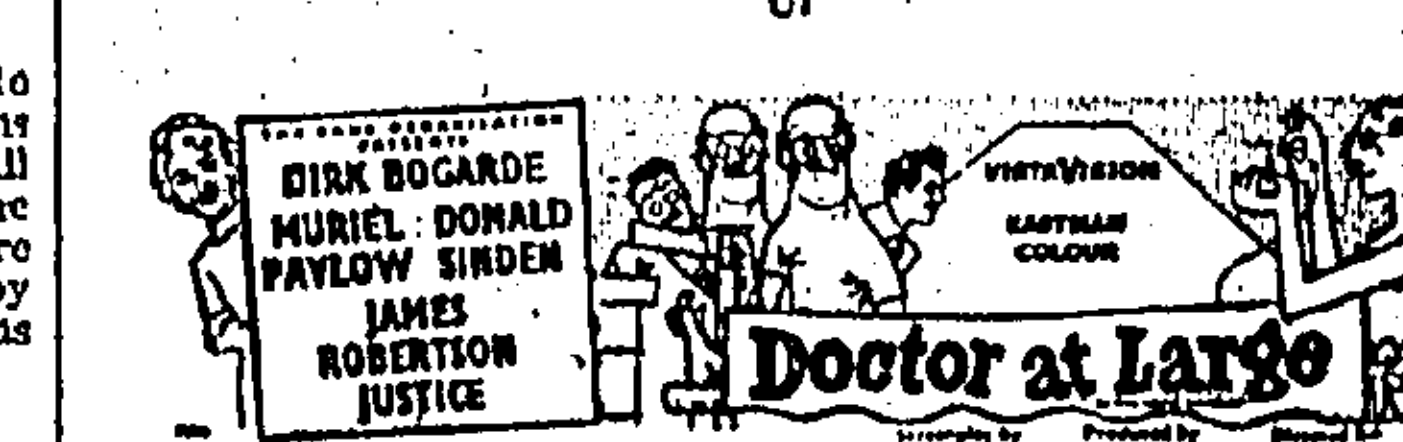
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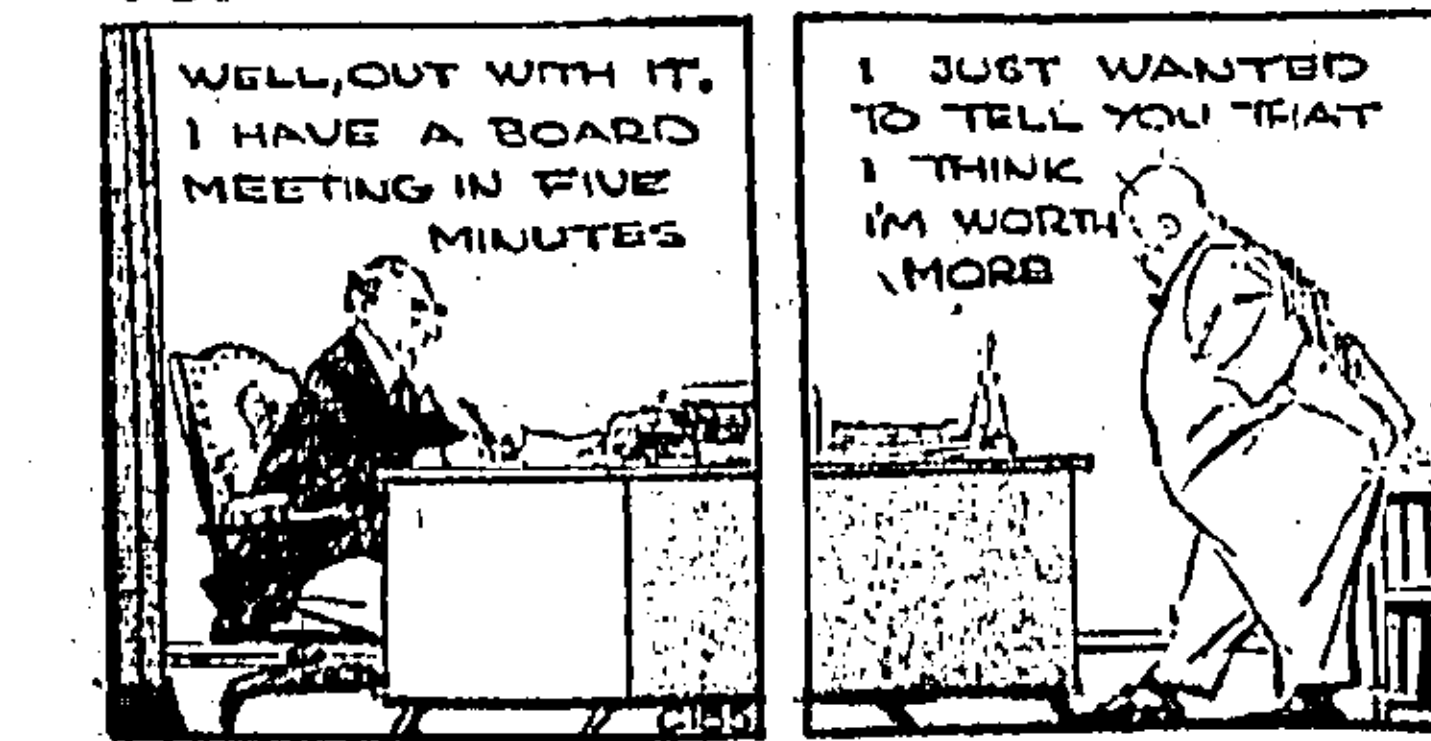
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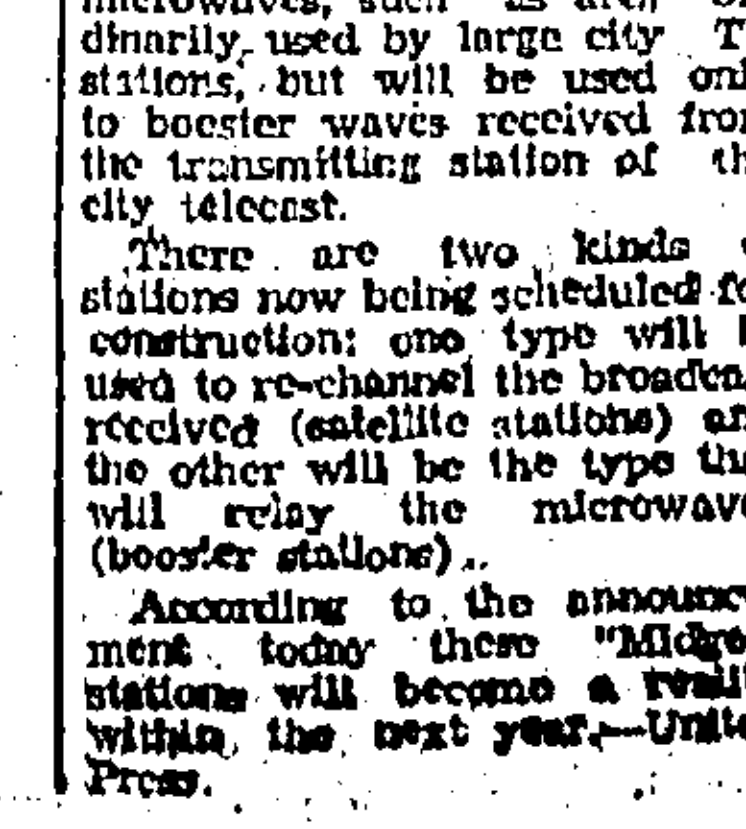
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### Taking the rise





# US PLAN FOR ENEMY ASSETS

## Separate Ones For German And Japanese

Washington, July 31.

The White House announced today that the Administration would present to the next session of Congress beginning next January separate plans for the return of German and Japanese assets confiscated in World War II.

The announcement said that the administration intended "as a matter of priority" to submit to Congress early in the coming session a supplementary plan for the liquidation of vested German assets.

"It is contemplated that this plan would provide for the return of all legitimate property of Americans against Germany and would permit, as a matter of grace, an equitable monetary return to former owners of vested assets."

"It is hoped that it will also be possible to work out a final solution of the Japanese vested assets problem for presentation to the next session of Congress," this statement said.

Mr. James Hagerly, the White House Press Secretary, declined to say what the new administration plans would contain.

At stake are some 500 million dollars worth of German assets and between 50 and 60 million dollars worth of Japanese assets.

## AMERICAN PROPOSALS APPROVED BY NATO

Bonn, July 31.

All North Atlantic Treaty Organisation states have approved American proposals for a European arm inspection zone, the Chief West German Government spokesman said here today.

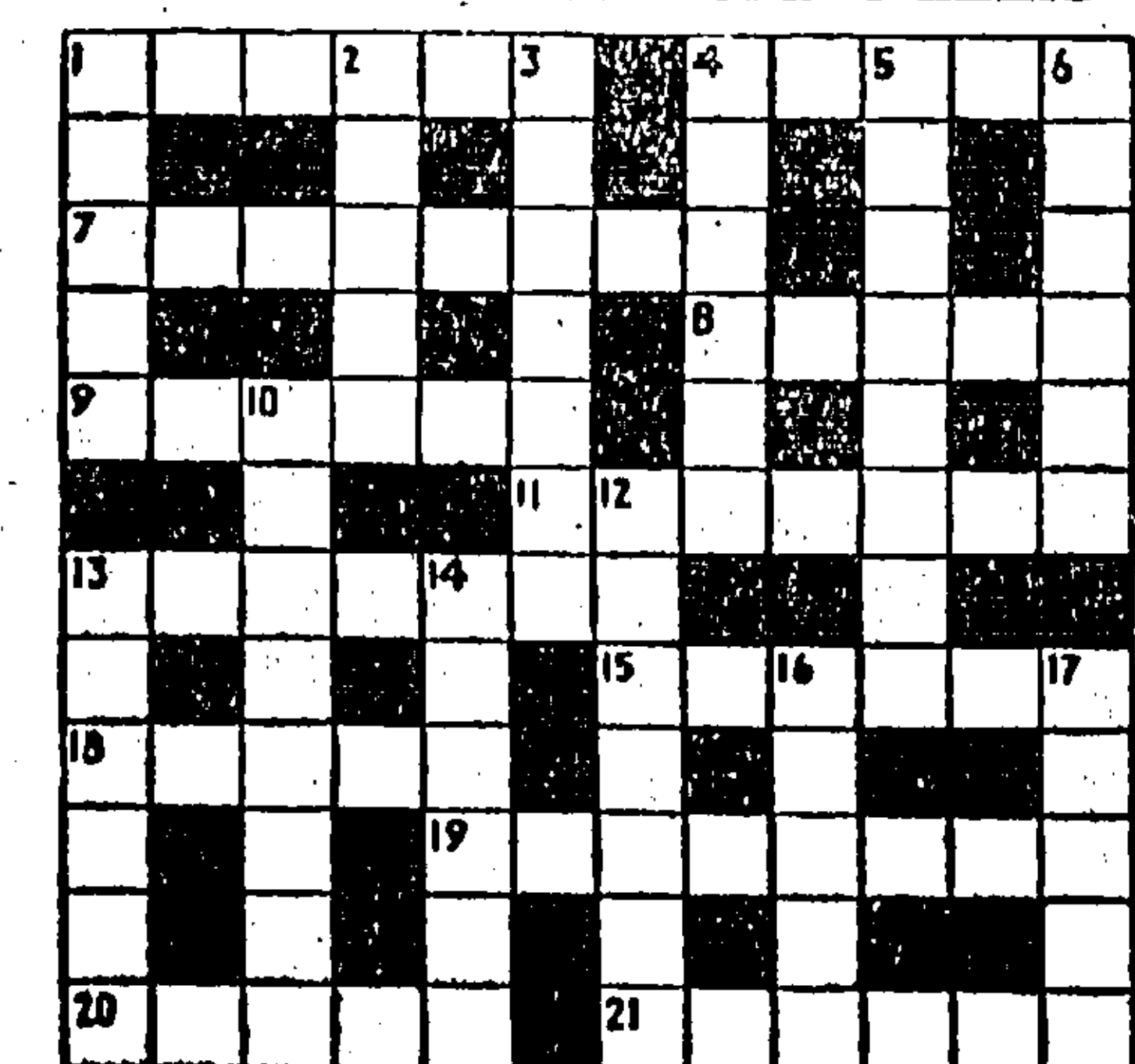
He said approval was given last week in the NATO Council. Answering questions, the spokesman said that all the NATO allies—not merely West Germany—had had certain reservations on this question.

**UNANIMITY**  
"The questions have, however, been cleared up and full unanimity reigns," the spokesman said.

(The West German Government is known to believe that a European inspection zone must not be so constituted that it tends to perpetuate the division of Germany.)

Answering further questions, the spokesman said that there were no indications at present that Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister, would go to London to see Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, if Mr. Dulles were to ask for such a meeting. West Germany would obviously concur, he said.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Forerunners of effects (8).
  - Run over, briefly (5).
  - Train-bearers (6).
  - Drinks like a fish (5).
  - Current runner (6).
  - Oriental (7).
  - and the opposite (7).
  - Statesman (8).
  - Wherefore art thou? (5).
  - Film high-up (8).
  - Contradictory poet (5).
  - Counselor from ancient times (6).
- DOWN**
- Legal expenses? (5).
  - Come on, man (5).
  - Vessel in a kitchen (7).
  - Negro name (6).
  - One of a cunning clan (8).
  - Sometime (6).
  - Girl for remembrance (8).
  - Fire-dog (7).
  - Burrows associated with (8).
  - Wasings away? (6).
  - Strengthen with spirit (5).
  - Even more certain (6).

**WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Apex, 4 Caution, 8 Ellis, 9 Crew, 10 Ascents, 11 Eric, 12 Soar, 14 Student, 17 Chase, 19 Siegf, 22 Titanic, 26 Dene, 27 Nico, 28 Allowed, 29 Aims, 30 Meal, 31 Dog-star, 32 Sash. Down: 2 Parson, 3 Sewers, 4 Class, 5 America, 6 Troad, 7 Otter, 12 Boat, 13 East, 15 Apoc, 16 Troy, 18 Cinema, 20 Leeds, 21 Granite, 23 Igloo, 24 Alibi, 25 Chief.

## JERSEY ISLAND CAKE FOR THE QUEEN



This cake, in the shape of Jersey Island, made by Christian Schöberl (left) and Wilfried Lott, German pastry chefs working at the Grand Hotel, Jersey, was presented to H.M. the Queen, who visited the Channel Islands last week.—Keynote Picture.

## CRISIS OVER FRENCH BUDGET

Paris, Aug. 1.

A crisis arose within the French Cabinet late last night when the Finance Minister M. Felix Gaillard refused to consider a compromise on his economy plan at an after dinner meeting of the Council of Ministers.

Earlier yesterday the cabinet endorsed nine-tenths of M. Gaillard's programme, but a last-minute hitch occurred about cuts in the subsidy to the coal security fund and in the school building programme.

**CLASHED**  
The Socialist Minister of Labour, M. Albert Gazier, and the Radical Minister of Education, M. René Billères, clashed with the 37-centrist Finance Minister, and the after-dinner cabinet meeting was adjourned hastily after half an hour's session.

The Prime Minister M. Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, proposed a night's rest and a further meeting today at 1000 C.M.T.

M. Gaillard surprised some of the cabinet ministers by demonstrating that he meant what he said and would definitely resign unless his economy programme was accepted without change.

**NOT SUPPORTING**  
The sum in dispute was reported to be 60,000 million francs (about £60 million) out of the total economy programme of 550,000 million (£550 million) but all the Radicals were not supporting their young fellow party member.

If M. Gaillard resigns later today, this will not result in the fall of the Government.—Reuter.

## 90 Below In Antarctica

Wellington, July 31.

Sir Edmund Hillary, leader of the New Zealand Antarctic expedition, reported today that the temperature at Scott Base, his headquarters, had fallen to 90 degrees (Fahrenheit) below freezing point, and was still dropping.

All members of the expedition, which is to link up with a British team led by Dr. Vivian Fuchs in a bid to make the first land crossing of Antarctica, were fit and well inside their specially-constructed buildings, he added.

The expedition's doctor, Dr. George Murray, is set to leave for the United States base helping an American medical officer to attend two American airmen who were gravely injured in a recent helicopter crash.—China Mail Special.

## FLASH BACK TO CHARLESTON DAYS AT LAROCHE SHOW

By BETTY DAVIES

Paris, July 31.

Guy Laroch, baby of the French couture, showed his second collection this afternoon and proved that his first season's success was not just a flash in the pan.

His slender dresses, barely waisted, or moulded in a princess line at the front and straight as a plum line at the back, are supremely elegant and casual.

## RAISED A LAUGH

One is a real flash back to the days of the Charleston—an unwaisted sleeveless dress with a jagged hemline embroidered in bugle beads and worn over a flesh pink slouch. It raised a laugh from the younger generation, but a wistful sentimental sigh from those who cut a caper in the flapper days.

Many of his dresses, coats and suits are built round belts. There are draw-string belts set in a back-dipping curve which pull in gathers of full skirted moths. Suits with short spencers have belts which start just in front of the side seams and droop in a curve over his hips below the jacket hem.

A half belt at the hem of hip length jackets just pulls in back fullness enough to pouch it slightly.

## COWL DRAPES

Back interest in dresses is generally in the form of deep cowl drapes from the neckline to the waist and occasionally to the hip.

Two tier coats which look like a spencer over a pleated skirt until they are unbuttoned are stanced. These coats and a number of the spencers have full gathered or pleated skirts which are a change from the ubiquitous crepe line.

Evening dresses are all short or short at the front and trailing at the back. The majority have lampshade skirts, hooped, ruffled, shirred or trimmed with plaid net. They will be very useful for the standard lamp when they are finished as dresses.

## LAME BROCADE

Pinpoint dresses worn over jersey blouses, buttoning down the back, replace dresses over suits. They also appear in the evening in sumptuous lame brocades, satins and velvets.

Laroch favours blonde colours and a wide range of burnt orange, orange and orange-gold shades.

The simplest of all evening costumes is a two-inch wide black velvet bandeau fastened with a buckle at the side.—France-Press.

## Reactor Plant

Turin, July 31.  
The Fiat Automobile and Aircraft Company announced tonight that it had reached agreement with the American Westinghouse Corporation for the production in Italy of atomic reactors.—Reuter.

## AGREEMENT NEARLY REACHED IN CHINCOM

Paris, July 31.  
THE 15-nation allied Chincom Committee which governs the China trade embargo is due to hold its final meeting of the current series tomorrow.

It has reached "almost complete agreement" on fixing and allocating export quotas for China to member countries, sources close to the talks reported today.

**THE TASK**  
The task of the Committee which has been meeting at frequent intervals since July 16—has been to agree on export quotas for 28 items which comprise the so-called "List 2" of the embargo.

List 1 is of products whose export is totally prohibited while goods on List 3 can be exported freely so long as notice of such exports is given to other Chincom members.

Reliable sources said today that the Committee had reached agreement on quotas for 26 of the 28 items, for the period August 1, to December 31, 1957. Discussion on the remaining two items would be resumed when the Committee met again in September to fix quotas for the following year.

**SCALE DOWN**  
Earlier this year Britain decided unilaterally—but after prolonged discussion with other Chincom members—to scale down the China embargo list to the level of restrictions on trade with the Soviet Union.

This move was followed by the other Chincom members except the United States, who decided to maintain a total embargo on trade.—Reuter.

**Sales Taxes Up**  
Paris, July 31.

France, faced with the threat of inflation-imposed economic disaster, today boosted sales taxes on 24 luxury items ranging from refrigerators and television sets to caviar and truffles.—United Press.

## LARGE HEROIN FACTORY FOUND IN MILAN

By EDWARD DE FURY

Washington, July 31.  
Harry J. Anslinger, Commissioner of the US Bureau of Narcotics, told the United Press today that the clandestine heroin drug manufacturing laboratory in Milan was only discovered in June and consequently is a very recent find.

## ARREST OF FIVE OF MILAN GANG

Zurich, July 31.

SWISS police have arrested five members of an international gang which "probably supplied heroin for the American market," the Zurich District Attorney, Dr. Paul Grob, said here today.

He told a hurriedly called news conference that the gang "produced approximately 30 kilograms of pure heroin at a laboratory" in Milan, Italy.

"This amount," said Dr. Grob, "is sufficient for 3,000,000 to 10,000,000 heroin shots and would bring a retail price of US\$3,000,000 to \$50,000,000 on the illegal American market as the price for one shot ranges from one to five dollars."

## DISAPPEARED

"The five members of the gang," he added, "were arrested in or near Zurich on July 23."

A sixth member of the gang, Dr. Constantino Gamba, the owner of the lab in Milan, disappeared before Italian police could arrest him," he said.

Dr. Grob, who personally conducted the investigations into what he termed "the biggest narcotics affair uncovered in Switzerland since 1930," identified four of the arrested men as "Turkish" suppliers.

He named Wattooglu, Swiss courier Hans Schlegel and Otto Hermann, and Italian buyer Dr. Enzo Berti.

The fifth man, a Swiss national, was identified only as "Mr. X"—United Press.

## Nazis Were To Deport Jews To Madagascar

—1940 MEMORANDUM

By PAMELA MATTHEWS

London, July 31.

A proposal to expel all Jews from Europe and to settle them in Madagascar, which would be ceded by France under the peace treaty if Germany won the war, was put forward in a German Interior Ministry memorandum in July 1940.

The proposal, described as a solution of the "Jewish question in Europe," is disclosed in the latest volume of captured German documents "documents on German foreign policy 1918-1945 series D, volume 10" prepared under joint British, French and United States editing and published here today.

The Jews would be to lose the nationality of the European states from which they were deported but would not require German citizenship. "Instead they will be citizens of the mandate of Madagascar."

The memorandum commented that the Jews will remain in German hands as a pledge for the future good conduct of the members of their race in America.

**PEACE TREATY**  
The memorandum of an official of the German Interior Ministry said that "in the peace treaty, France must make the island of Madagascar available for the solution of the Jewish question" and must compensate and resettle existing French residents.

It described as the desirable policy aim "all Jews out of Europe" and called for separate negotiations with European states not affected by the peace treaty.

The resettlement of European Jews in Madagascar, to be held by Germany under mandate, would, it was stated, "prevent the possible establishment of a valid state of their own in Palestine."

The memorandum said this solution would prevent the Jews "from using for their own purposes the symbolic value which Jerusalem has for the Christian and Mohammedan portions of the world."

Administrative control of Madagascar, where Germany was to have air and naval bases, was to have air and naval bases.

**RED TAPE FOULS UP PROXY MARRIAGE**

Denver, July 31.  
EUGENE R. MUGAN, a bridegroom by proxy since July 20, said today a honeymoon with his English bride may be delayed indefinitely by red tape.

The 25-year-old Martin Company employee was wed in a proxy ceremony in Denver Municipal Court to Miss Jean Smith, of Little Glenham, England. At the time, Mugan happily told reporters his bride would join him here within a month.

**MARRIED OR NOT**  
But today Mugan sadly reported he had received a letter from his bride stating that the British authorities and the American Embassy in London did not regard proxy marriages performed in Colorado as valid.

His attorney advised Miss Smith or Mrs. Mugan, whichever she is, to file her application for a passport as a married woman. Mugan has been "pinching pennies" to save money for his wife's passage to the US and for a home.

"I want a real wife and a real home," said Mugan. "If Jean can't get here by the 1st of November, I'll quit my job, sell everything I have and hitchhike to England."

The two met when Mugan was stationed in England with the US Air Force three years ago. "You just can't beat the old-fashioned traditional marriage—complete with bride," he concluded.—United Press.

## TENSION IN KOREA

London, July 31.  
Mr. David Crossby-Gore, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said today there was no threat of greater tension in Korea than there had been at any time since the conclusion of the Armistice Agreement in 1953.

Therefore, no special action was required by the British Government.

He was replying in the House of Commons to Mr. Stephen Swiggart, Labour, who asked what the Government was doing to reduce tension in Korea.—Reuter.





Covent Garden office workers state they can handle produce during the strike "providing they are not interfered with too much."

## Commonwealth Development

London. THE British Government proposes to publish a White Paper shortly telling the world what Britain is doing to help Commonwealth development. By so doing, it hopes to placate a number of back-benchers on both sides of the House who are pressing it to take more positive action in this matter.

In the Conservative Party, a strong pressure group has, within a few months, staged two full-dress debates on this issue and compelled the attendance of the Prime Minister and other ministers at party committees. It forced the Government to capitulate last November and accept a private motion requiring it to consult other members of the Commonwealth to see what more could be done to develop its natural resources.

A major suggestion put forward from time to time by members of Parliament is that a Commonwealth Bank should be established to which all Commonwealth countries would subscribe and on the directorate of which all would be represented. To this, the reaction of Commonwealth Governments was negative. Although they sympathized with the motives which inspired the suggestion, they pointed out that Britain was the only Commonwealth country which was a net investor. Thus a Commonwealth Development Bank would not in itself increase the availability of capital for in-

vestment in the Commonwealth. Indeed, the whole basis of their reply, and of subsequent discussions among Commonwealth Prime Ministers, was that it would not be difficult to set up the machinery if only the money were forthcoming.

The recent Commonwealth Conference gave a lot of time to the subject because every Commonwealth country is in the queue for money. Australia wants capital for the Snowy Mountains hydro-electric project. New Zealand wants a large loan, and Canada hopes for stable British investments to offset the recent enormous inflow of United States capital.

But India is the biggest competitor for any cash that is going. Her needs in foreign exchange are said to be £2,000m. in the next few years. At home, she faces great difficulties. Her population is increasing at the rate of 5,000,000 a year, and India must take herself. "What are these people going to eat?"

The fact is that India must develop irrigation and expand her agriculture, or see part of her population starve. Pakistan, too, needs irrigation and power.

Then there is Ghana, which owes her faith on the Volta project, now estimated to cost £400m. It was said that Dr. Nkrumah's future outlook on the Commonwealth would probably be determined by his success, or otherwise, in raising this sum in London. But no doubt he has since realised that there are other claimants in the Commonwealth for British money. If Ghana scooped the capital pool, what would India, Pakistan, and Canada do?

It was the inevitability that a spirit of competition would emerge from the creation of a Commonwealth Bank that influenced the Commonwealth Governments in turning it down. Clearly, since there would be insufficient cash for all, a system of priorities would have to be established. The practical difficulty of allocating such priorities was very present in the minds of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers; so, also, was the possibility of the jealousies it would engender.

The Government's White Paper is unlikely to promise anything new. The fact is that Commonwealth development must stand in the queue unless the Government is prepared to give special priority—priority over, for example, the modernization of Britain's mines and railways; over the construction of badly-needed trunk roads; over the expansion of British industry generally.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is unlikely to make an ex-

ception in favour of the Commonwealth. But if the White Paper makes this clear, it will also remind the world what Britain has done. For Britain's part in financing overseas development is under-estimated. True, it falls down on the standards which, at the time of the Commonwealth Conference of 1953, it was hoped to attain. Nevertheless, Britain has done her bit.

United Kingdom investment, public and private, throughout the sterling Commonwealth is running at about £150m. a year, with another £30m. in fact, doing better than any other country in terms of the proportion of her national income devoted to investment in underdeveloped countries. And, in spite of increasing American investment, Britain remains by far the most important source of external capital for the Commonwealth, providing about 70 per cent of the total.

This is good; and much better than people think. But it is not good enough. If Britain's contribution towards the development of the Commonwealth is to increase, it must come in the form of individual efforts—in short, from a resumption of the savings habit. Unfortunately, Britons have got out of the habit of saving.

For all this we must find our own remedy. Not only must we save more. A greater volume of savings must be directed to the Commonwealth. And here the effects on the investing public of Abadan and Suez. With these examples before them, investors are inclined to keep their money at home. The good, unfortunately, suffer with the bad. For the stockbroker does not distinguish between a stable government in Malaya and a less stable government in a foreign country like Indonesia. As a result it is possible, for example, to obtain dividends of 20 per cent from plantation investment in Malaya when the break-up value of the shares is several times more than book value.

As might be expected, a Conservative Government is likely to pin its faith in private as against public investment. The Socialists, on the other hand, would plump for public development. "Private enterprise," says Labour's "Colonial Policy," "has failed to do the job."

But whether the money comes from public or private sources, there is general agreement in Britain that a supreme effort should be made to develop the Commonwealth. Only in that way can standards of living in the Commonwealth be improved.

### Britain Is Told:

## "START DRILLING OR ELSE"

Trucial Coast. THE oil sheiks on the Trucial Coast section of the Persian Gulf are restless.

If the British oil men do not get moving they may find foreign interests infiltrating into their domain.

The Americans are ready to move into these oil lands and there is already a report that the Japanese have been given a concession by King Saud along the Saudi coast on the gulf.

The attitude of the sheiks is summed up by an ultimatum that Sheik Sagr bin Sultan, ruler of Sharjah, has given to the British oil company which holds a concession in his kingdom.

It is: "Start drilling for oil now or I end the concession."

The company, a subsidiary of the British-controlled Iraq Petroleum Company, has given way to the demand.

The sheiks charge Britain with a go-slow policy in finding new oil sources because Kuwait and Qatar are at present fulfilling all British demands.

Any reminder of what happened at Abadan and a suggestion that a Mosadeq could one day appear in Kuwait, is met with a confident British laugh. In London, the Iraq Petroleum Company said: "There has been no go-slow on our part. We always planned to drill at Sharjah and shall do so."

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## And that's how I caught my first shark

THE proud, white boats by sunset and evening, nauts fly. Each represents another dead shark.

And the harbour walls of Looe are crowded with the excited families of Britain's big-game fishermen. The sun-blasted fugitives from braceface and the 845.

On the quay the shark will be weighed, photographed and taken, and a few dozen fathers will have the odd experience of being heroes to their offspring.

EXPERTS? NO They will be the centre of attention at the dinner table.

This is the high excitement to be found a few hours by car or train from any British city. You don't have to be a fisherman or a sailor. Your first reaction to the word "shark" may be a vivid mental image of the man who sold you that last ear. It matters not. But here on the quay at Looe, where the lobster pots are a pungent sweetness and the seagulls shriek with bright-eyed greed around the pilehead boats, adventure is only a handful of tranquil sea miles away for anybody.

MY CREW The urgent clatter of a fishing reel in the sun. The turmoil of the water. A wild, black fin breaking the surface. The glimpse of a writhing, pale belly and a curve of teeth sharp as a needle, teeth chattering at death.

That is what it is like to have a manhunter on the end of your line. I say manhunter. Brigadier Cawthra, who founded the Shark Angling Club of Great Britain, and who has a boat down here, told me sternly that sharks in these parts don't eat people. They don't like the taste.

LOOE (Cornwall), Saturday. come into harbour over a sea purpled from their masts the yellow pennants and a victory. Each represents usually spit them out.

They started on my shark expedition in a harbour-side pub called the Jolly Sailor. It was here I met my crew, Jack Dingle and Jack Symons.

Cornish fishermen from way back. I carefully explained. My only fishing experience so far had been to intimidate a minute trout.

I emphasised. I got seasick at the cinema. I underlined. I mustn't go home minus a limb.

Both Jacks listened with the glossy interest of men who have heard this tale before. They voice themselves up and said: "Don't be late tomorrow morning." No word of comfort. No nothing. Just that I mustn't miss the tide.

The quay was golden at sunrise. There was nothing but blue sky, blue water so clear that on the sea bed I could see an elderly crab tottering off home.

Around us the engines of the other shark boats were clearing their walking throats. The seagulls, with the emblazoned white shark were hoisted, and past the sleeping hotels we walked. On over the horizon.

We cruised for nearly two hours. The Edgystone Light-house towered out of a daisy chain of foam; whiter than any detergent maker ever knew.

DUBBY BAGS Then there was silence. The engines were stilled. And we drifted with the sea and the breeze.

We weren't loafing. First we put over the side the rubbery dubby bags. Only the Cornish could think of a name like that for a sort of strapping bag which holds crushed pilchard.

Sharks are a bit hogish about pilchard. They will follow its salty flavour for miles.

Then we baited the hook of my rod.

There is nothing offensive in sharking. The rod is about as light as a telegraph post. The reel would wind in a lifeboat.

The hook is about five inches long with a huge piece of cork as a float.

And the mackerel which is the bait would make a meal for two. Out went the line—about 15 yards of it—and we drifted.

And drifted. And drifted. Round us there were other boats. The crews were not entirely masculine. There were shark-hunting wives and shark-catching daughters. A small boy of four was sleeping in the shade.

Out thrilled the line. One Jack yelled. "Leave it alone." The other told me why. A shark runs away with the bait, pauses, swallows, and charges.

LIKE A MEADOW Life was as drowsy as a cow in a buttercup meadow. The burr of a Cornish voice... sleep, was nearer than any shark. Was it? Suddenly my barge pole of a rod danced.

Out thrilled the line. One Jack yelled. "Leave it alone." The other told me why. A shark runs away with the bait, pauses, swallows, and charges.

THE LAST BLOW A hunt instrument whistled down in the well of the boat. My shark was dead. All seven feet. All 72lb. of Blue Shark.

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## BLUNDEN

### A TRULY ENGLISH POET

July 1957.

POEMS OF MANY YEARS, by Edmund Blunden. Collins, 18s.

THERE is a certain quality in poetry that can be called mere, or pure, Englishness. Some of the very greatest English poets, for instance Milton or Pope, hardly have it at all. One cannot read Milton without thinking of Italy, or Pope without thinking of the French ideal of classicism.

A poet like Shakespeare has it and transcends it. He can be of the English earth, earthy, as in many of the pre-war comedy scenes throughout his work, and all through a play like *The Merry Wives of Windsor*; but he is also of all times, and all the world.

The poets who most obviously have this "mere English" quality are Cowper, Crabbe, Barnes, Tennyson in things like *The Northern Farmer*, Hardy, and Edward Thomas.

Englishness in this sense is the opposite of Londonliness. It shows itself in a feeling for country, or village, or at the most (in Crabbe's small country-townish manners, feelings, ways of speech; for country crafts and skills, wagons, ploughs, small boats, barns; for the English countryside rather than Constable's way, shadows, pools, corners, the land worn with use or rank with disuse—the good brown earth or the weeds that pester it, charcoal, bugless, "slimy mallow"—rather than, say, the great picturesque vistas of a nobleman's park.

There goes along with all this a feeling for the rhythms and idioms of English country speech, a speech slow, patient, and exact rather than (like the speech of the Irish poor, of town or country, if one can believe the Irish dramatists and novelists) sparkling with wit and metaphor.

There is little, either, of that Celtic sense of mystery—Matthew Arnold, at least, thought that the mysterious element in English poetry came from our Celtic inheritance—that one finds in poets so different, otherwise, as Vaughan and Hopkins and Yeats and Dylan Thomas (or in Walter de la Mare, though I do not know whether he had any Welsh or Irish blood). There is rather an earthiness, a brooding over the ploties of the earth.

Of this mere, or pure, English tradition, Mr Edmund Blunden—though he has spent many years of his adult life abroad, teaching for two considerable periods in Japan, and for some time past in Hong-kong—is the most distinguished living exponent. Mr Robert Graves, his almost exact contemporary, began as a poet of the same sort, a poet of the "rural arcadia": shell-shock and an intensely complicated and passionate private life turned

him into a quite different sort of poet.

The first world war also profoundly affected Mr Blunden, and his war poems—quiet, and never hysterical—are some of the truest and most poignant. Typically their theme is less man's inhumanity to man—or only obliquely and subtly that—man's inhumanity to landscape. But shaken by the first World War, Mr Blunden was able both to find mere comfort in the

memory (to set against war horrors) of war companionship; and to go back to find comfort again—Graves had decided that outward nature is imbecile or hostile—in the spirit of the land.

Underlying much of his poetry there is a mood not unlike that of a writer whom he has probably never read and would not admire if he had, the fiery French nationalist, Maurice Barres: the cult of soil and ancestry, of the earth and the dead: as in one of his poems, one of the great poems of this century, *Forerunners*:

Here they went with smock and crook,  
Toiled in the sun, lolled in the shade,  
Here they muddled out the brook  
And here their hatchet cleared the glade;  
Harvest supper woke their wit,  
Huntsman's moon their wooings lit....

Names are vanished, save the few  
In the old brown Bible scrawled;  
These were men of pitch and dew,  
Whom the city never called;  
Scarce could read or hold a quill,  
Built the barn, the forge, the mill....

Like the bee that now is blown  
Honey-heavy on my hand,  
From his topping tansy-throne  
In the green tempestuous land—  
I'm in clover now, nor know  
Who made honey long ago.

Comparatively few of Mr Blunden's poems have, perhaps, this gathered intensity.

He is a master of the "occasional" poem: a cricket match, a national calamity, saying goodbye to his students in Japan, reading some of his old favourite pre-romantic poets, the Wartons or Colliers—all such things can provoke verse, which is always scholarly and charming (he has a charm rather like that of his favourite prose essayist, Leighton or Lamb) but which only occasionally accumulates the highest pressure.

His poems, in spite of the moving and terrible sadness of some of the war poems, are the poems of a man whose nature is naturally happy (as, say, the nature of his contemporary Robert Graves was not), and who is too rooted in what re-

mains alive of the English rural tradition to grasp the tragic nature of our age imaginatively. But for Mr Blunden, as he remarks in his preface, "poetry is a part of the universe as mathematics and physics. It is not a clever device or recreation, unless the Eternal is clever.... The method of language for conveying some perception of grace beyond the facts is open to all; for me the essence of the blessing is often given in a 'unimportant' poem where I find the great ones marching on another side, or after all? Melodies and sideliights, in even Mr Blunden's most occasional verses, do always seek some "grace beyond the facts." He is probably much more loved, by more readers, than many contemporaries of his of grander and starker ambition.

By G. S. Fraser























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## FULL COURT REDUCES SENTENCE

### Surcharge Down From Today

The reduction in the electricity surcharge—from 18 to 15 per cent—went into effect today.

The surcharge is subject to revision from time to time, depending on the price of fuel oil.

In March the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd. and the China Light & Power Co. Ltd. raised the surcharge of nine per cent to 18 per cent.

### BOY SCOUT ON CHARGE OF THEFT

A 17-year-old boy scout, Godfrey Marshall, was remanded 24 hours for a report by the probation officer by Miss B. K. Searle at Central this morning, when he pleaded guilty to theft.

On July 23 it was alleged Marshall took \$22.55 from the Scout Den in Sports Road. The matter was reported to the police and he was arrested. When cautioned he admitted the theft.

In Court yesterday defendant said he took the money with the intention of putting it back.

Defendant's father was in Court and said he was willing to pay back the money.

Marshall had three previous convictions, two of which were similar.

### DANCE TROUPE ARRIVES

The remainder of the Katherine Dunham troupe, 21 members, arrived on the Victoria this morning.

They were met at Kowloon Wharf by Miss Majorie Scott, secretary to Miss Dunham.

Miss Dunham had arrived earlier with an advance party and is staying at the Gloucester Hotel.

The troupe is scheduled to make their debut at the Empire Theatre on August 6.

The show will be the same as that given on Broadway.

The full company here comprises 52 members, plus 80 tons of costumes and properties.

Miss Dunham's dances are based on primitive West Indian forms, round which she has woven a fabric of classical ballet, Spanish movements and the stylized routines of Java and Bali.

### Woman Found With Opium Gets 3 Years

"Laws to be good must be uniform and that applies to sentences which must be uniform," argued Mr Richard Winter before the Full Court this morning when he successfully appealed against severity of a sentence passed on his client for possessing eight pounds of opium.

Mr Winter cited three recent cases in which sentences imposed for drug offences were considerably less than the sentence passed on the appellant.

The appellant, Cheng Ah-man, 55, a woman, was sentenced to four years and a fine of \$5,000 or in default imprisonment for a further 12 months for unlawful possession of 98 tael of raw opium.

Her sentence was reduced by the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Hee, to three years and a fine of \$5,000.

Mr Winter, who was instructed by Mr G. Stevenson of Stewart and Company, said that there was no question of the appellant being in the drug traffic proper because the Trial Judge, in pronouncing sentence said: "If there were no carriers, there would be no smokers."

#### MISDIRECTED

Counsel submitted that in using the expression in that manner the Trial Judge misdirected himself in the magnitude of the sentence which he should impose.

"She (the appellant) is 55 years old, a countrywoman, and has been in Hongkong for about a year, and has had no previous conviction," said Mr Winter.

He said that it was the practice of the Courts in Hongkong to impose severe sentences in cases connected with the drug traffic, but in the present case the sentence imposed did not compare with the generality of sentences passed in drug cases in the Colony, and was excessive in the extreme.

#### NO POINT

Mr Justice Reeves said that it was obvious that the Trial Judge was overwhelmingly satisfied that the case against the appellant had been proved.

The Trial Judge saw no reason to go further than what he said in pronouncing sentence.

Mr Winter argued that the inference drawn from the Judge's statement was that he was considering the appellant as a carrier, otherwise there was no point in using that particular expression.

Counsel said there was great disparity in the sentence passed on her and the sentences of three cases he cited.

The Chief Justice asked Crown Counsel, Mr G. I. Sneath, to explain the discrepancy between the sentence passed on the appellant and that passed on another appellant who had appeared earlier before the Court and who was given three years and fined \$5,000 for unlawful possession of 20 lbs and 10 ounces of morphine.

Mr Sneath said that there was nothing he could say to support the discrepancy.

He thought that the discrepancy was greater than indicated by the Court because the three years given was for possession of a large quantity of heroin pills.

He said that the Courts had dealt with heroin offences with considerably more severity than they had dealt with opium offences, in view of the much more harmful effects of heroin and the far more serious habit forming effects of heroin.

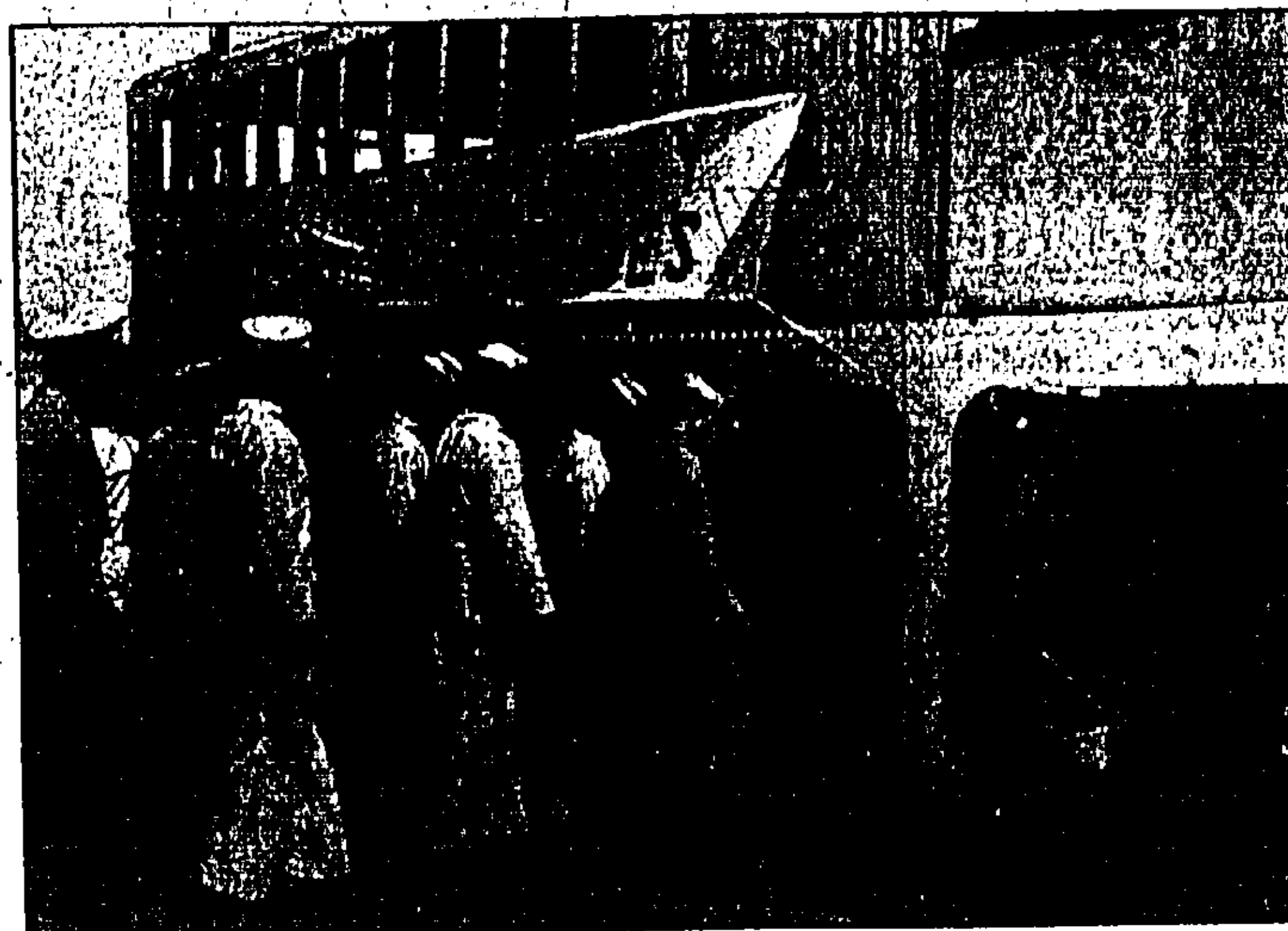
#### HEAVIER

The Chief Justice remarked that it appeared that the sentence passed on the appellant was heavier than in the other case.

Reducing appellant's sentence by one year, the Chief Justice said that the Court had considered the case and the sentences passed on other cases and particularly in the sentence passed in the other appeal before the Court.

In the circumstances the more appropriate punishment would be three years and a fine of \$5,000 or in addition 12 months in default.

In an earlier appeal the Court dismissed a plea for a reduction of sentence by Ng Chiu-chung, 34, a pig raiser, who was sentenced to three years and a fine of \$5,000 for possession of 20 lbs and 10 oz of morphine.



### US Sailors On Picnic Ferry Tour

A party of about 300 visiting American sailors went on a round-the-island picnic cruise on a vehicular ferry today in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the Servicemen's Guides organization.

The sailors left Penwick Pier at 11:05 a.m. and cruised through Lyemun Pass on their way to Stanley and Aberdeen. They were to return to the pier at 3 p.m.

Accompanying them was a Chaplain Donald C. Means.

The sailors took pictures of scenic spots along the way. Food and drinks were provided by several well-known firms.

### European Hurt

The European driver of one of two private cars involved in a collision in Kowloon yesterday was injured and treated at Kowloon Hospital.

The accident occurred at the junction of Nathan Road and Gascoigne Road. He is Mr A. E. P. Grinmo, of the Pathological Institute.

Young Suk Ling, an eleven-year-old girl, was struck down and injured by a lorry in Hennessy Road near Canal Road West last night. She was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

### NOW MOVING STAIRS IN HK

The first escalator installed to serve the shopping public in central district was put in operation in the Man Yee Building this morning.

At 8:15 a.m. Mr Colin J. Ure, manager of Otis Elevator Company, turned on the switch.

Shortly after the escalator began operating, a large number of people gathered both inside and outside the building.

Several Police constables were called to prevent a stampede by prospective joyriders.

#### THEY RELENT

However, they relented to the extent of allowing one ride per person.

People who entered the arcade to window-shop, however, were invited to take a ride. They were assisted as they stepped on the first step.

And faces showed a mixture of expressions ranging from open-mouthed amazement, uncertainty bordering on fear, to amusement and delight down to callous indifference.

#### TWO LEVELS

The Man Yee Building fronts Queen's Road, at one end, and Des Voeux Road, at the other. The four-story building has two ground floors. The escalator links these two levels where the shops are situated.

Mr Ure revealed that the escalator, which is installed at an angle of about 30 degrees, is capable of taking 5,000 shoppers an hour. The width is 32 inches.

Escalators are becoming more popular in Hongkong and according to Mr Ure, several up-to-date buildings under construction or soon to be built will have them.

Mr Ure mentioned Mansion House, the new building that will occupy the site of the old Humphrey's building in Kowloon, the Empire Theatre redevelopment scheme and other projects.

#### NEW LIFTS

The multi-story Man Yee Building six high-speed lifts and one service elevator. Mr Ure said these lifts were the first of their kind ever to be installed outside the United States.

The elevators are fully automatic although they are being worked by operators at present. The reason for this is that 40 per cent of the Hongkong public has no confidence in fully-operated, press-button elevators and will refuse to travel in them.

These lifts are automatic-control. The electronic brain controls the movements of the cars according to calls on the floors.

Mr Ure revealed that his company took two months to install the escalator and about five months for the elevators.

The installation was supervised by Mr Tang Cheong, and the company's engineer, Mr George Dahlquist who travelled to Hongkong especially for the occasion.

### MISSING PRISONER CASE

The case of the missing prisoner could have been an apt description of the situation which arose at Central Court this morning.

The magistrate, Mr Hin-shing Lo called for the defendant, Tang Muk, 23, who was represented by Mr Peter Mo of Peter Mo and Co.

No one answered the call. Again the name was called and again there was no answer.

Then the prosecutor, Revenue Inspector E. R. Wake stood up and said that he believed that the defendant was detained at the Victoria Remand Prison. However the Court Inspector said that the defendant had been allowed bail.

#### HE TURNS UP

After hearing this Mr Mo, the defendant's solicitor, stood up and said that the last he had heard of his client was that he had been detained at the Remand Prison. His client had been allowed bail at \$2,000 but had been unable to afford that amount.

After a short adjournment the defendant was found and brought before the magistrate and charged with illegal import of oil.

The defendant had been downstairs in the cells all the time.

The case was remanded until September 13.

### Steward Found With Gold

A steward of one of the ships which plies between the Colony and Macao was this morning fined \$1,000 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Court, when he pleaded guilty to illegally importing 41.2 tael of gold.

The steward, Chan Lai-on, 41, of 8 Woo On Lane, ground floor, was arrested by Revenue Police on July 31, in the chief steward's cabin of the ss Fat Shan.

Under the defendant's bunk in the cabin the Revenue officer found a packet of yellow metal which was wrapped in a protective rubber covering.

The gold was valued at over \$10,000.

### Katchen Conquers The Piano

I MUST start by saying that I enjoyed last night's concert by Julius Katchen very much more than the previous night's. Those of you who read my critique in yesterday's China Mail may recall that I thought that Mr Katchen was trying to get more out of his instrument than out of the music; this was, in fact, the case. Last night, however, we heard some well-modulated playing and much more fluid interpretations.

There is an explanation for this: I understand that the piano which Mr Katchen was using was a new instrument and the upper register in particular was not at all responsive. Therefore on the first night it was necessary to "pound" the instrument in order to get it to respond but at the second recital, after several hours hard work by Mr Katchen, the instrument was responding more favourably. By Sunday when he gives his third recital, the instrument should be very much improved.

#### ONE MORE

It was announced today that Julius Katchen will give another recital at the Queen's Theatre at 12 noon on Sunday. Bookings at the theatre open tomorrow at 10 a.m.

The first half of the programme consisted of two solo items, the first was Cesar Franck's Prelude, Choral and Fugue. Of all the items which Mr Katchen has played in these two recitals I found the performance of the work and of the Emperor Concerto the most satisfying musically. Perhaps the "temperament" of the piano was not such a drawback in this work, anyway Mr Katchen produced a fine, understanding interpretation of this work and every credit is due to him.

The other item in the first half was the Fantasia in C ("Wanderer Fantasia") by Schubert. This again produced a chance for the soloist to show his superb technique and great virtuosity, but this was tempered with good musical sense so that the result, on the whole, was a delight to listen to. I felt that towards the end of this item perhaps Mr Katchen was having more trouble with his instrument and the louder playing became slightly heavier and mechanical.

#### The Concerto

The piano concerto No. 5, in E flat, otherwise known as the Emperor Concerto by Beethoven, was surely a fitting climax to these two recitals. Our soloist was joined in this by the Sino-British Orchestra conducted by Arrigo Tio and led by S. M. Bard.

It is a continual source of joy and wonder to me that a Colony the size of Hongkong can produce orchestral or piano accompaniment worthy of the greatest artists who visit us.

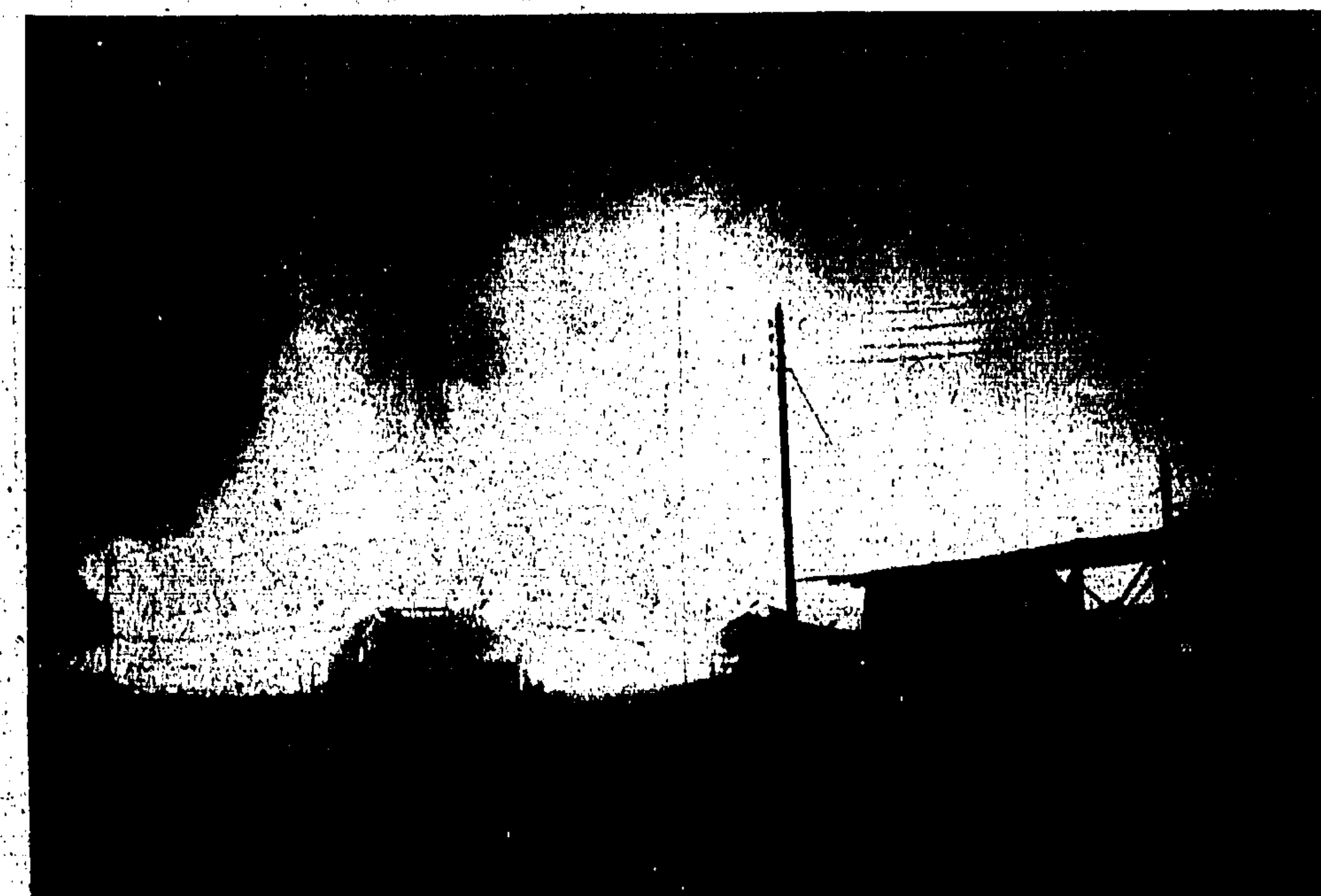
Last night the combination of Julius Katchen and the Sino-British Orchestra gave us an excellently balanced and well-graded performance; orchestra and piano took over from one another and matched their tones and tempo so well that there was no trace of any hiatus in the modulation between the two.

Having heard this concerto by Beethoven, it is with great delight that we receive the news that Mr Katchen is to give another recital on Sunday at noon, the programme of which will consist of four Beethoven Sonatas.

I must apologise for having spent rather a long time talking about the unsympathetic piano, but it does have considerable bearing on these performances. Mr Katchen must be congratulated at overcoming this difficulty and is to be thanked for providing us with these two memorable evenings; I am sure that we all look forward eagerly to his third recital.

R. A. BONES

### EARLY MORNING BLAZE IN KOWLOON



Another graphic shot of today's early morning fire in Shamshui, taken by a China Mail photographer.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's amazing the number of things women would rather have than money!"

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